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## Council Approves Building Sale for Child Care Facility

On Tuesday, July 12, the Common Council approved the sale of a former school building located at 3201 N. 40<sup>th</sup> St. to the **Northwest Side Community Development Corp.** (NWSCDC) with the purpose of increasing the availability of child care in the local community. With an estimated cost of \$1.765 million, the sale was supported with a \$700,000 grant committed by the federal Office of Community Service.

Occupying the space will be the **Train Up a Child Learning Center**, which is owned and operated by Tashawna Green and her daughter. Ms. Green comes from a background with extensive experience and activity in child care as a level 15 provider on the Wisconsin Registry, as a member of groups Providers Taking Action (PTA), WECA, WFCCA, NAFCC (seeking accreditation), and a beneficiary of the “Farm to ECE” program, which helps child care centers cultivate an environment of healthy eating for the children.

**Alderman Khalif J. Rainey**, whose 7<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District includes the school property, said he is pleased to see the Council approve the sale of the building “so that it may continue to serve the community as it did before, which would not have been possible without the great work and efforts led by the Northwest Side CDC.”

“Considering the importance of child care, and its increasing scarcity, having a new employee-owned child care facility helps us invest in our children, which will greatly benefit families and positively impact the community for years to come,” Alderman Rainey said.

“We are extremely excited about the opportunity to help bring a high-performing early learning center to the heart of the Sherman Park neighborhood. This site was once a neighborhood school that children could walk to and receive a quality education. We are delighted to restore the building in a similar use, giving families in this residential part of the city a high performing place for their children to receive care and education near their homes,” said **Willie Smith**, executive director of NWSCDC.